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SUBJECT: CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS: FONMIN OFFICIAL'S

COMMENTS

1. AT LUNCH WITH DCM ON FEBRUARY 5 DR. GEYER OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S NORTH AMERICAN SECTION COMMENTED ON THE
NEGOTIATION OF A CONSULAR AGREEMENT THAT WILL BEGIN
IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 10.

2. DR. GEYER SAID THERE IS MUCH COMMON
GROUND IN THE US AND GDR DRAFT CONVENTIONS. IN SOME
OF THE TECHNICAL FORMULATIONS THERE ARE CERTAIN
DIFFERENCES, BUT RESOLVING THESE IS WHAT THE
NEGOTIATIONS ARE INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH. DR. GEYER
STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THE GDR TACTIC WILL BE TO SECURE
AS MUCH AGREEMENT AT THE OUTSET AS POSSIBLE ON AS
MUCH OF THE DRAFT TEXT AS POSSIBLE, LEAVING TO THE LAST
SUCH THORNY ISSUES AS THE NATIONALITY QUESTION. HE
SAID IT IS THE GDR'S INTENTION TO BRING THESE NEGOTIA-
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TIONS TO A QUICK CONCLUSION, AND TO HAVE A

CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GDR IN FORCE
BY SEPTEMBER 4, 1975, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

3. DR. GEYER SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE U.S. SIDE WOULD HAVE SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF US LAW. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GDR RECOGNIZED WE HAVE SPECIAL CONCERN FOR FRG VIEWS ON THIS MATTER, ADDING, THAT AS AMBASSADOR COOPER HAS POINTED OUT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WE HAVE OUR TIES AND COMMITMENTS JUST AS THE GDR HAS ITS TIES AND COMMITMENTS. HE SAID IT SHOULD BE "NO SECRET" THAT GDR EXPERTS HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED EXISTING U.S. CONSULAR AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH OTHER SOCIALIST STATES. HE DESCRIBED CHIEF NEGOTIATOR KLOBES AS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST VISIT OF KLOBES TO THE U.S.

4. DR. GEYER SAID IN CONCLUSION THAT THE GDR NEGOTIATING TEAM WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO REST ON SUNDAY.

4. DR. GEYER LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GDR NEGOTIATORS HAVE DONE THEIR HOMEWORK AND ARE ANXIOUS TO SIT DOWN WITH THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS TO PROCEED IN A BRISK AND BUSINESSLIKE WAY TO RESOLVE THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT WILL ARISE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.COOPER

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